Free Painting Sponge!

THOMAS & FRIENDS

Based on The Railway Series by The Rev. W. Awdry.

Thomas Token Inside!
CE Complies with EN71 (toy safety). Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small pieces of foam. This is a painting sponge - it is not suitable for use in the bath. Adult supervision is recommended. Please retain this information for future reference. Supplied by TCS, London WC2E 9AR.
THOMAS & FRIENDS

Stories
Activities
Colouring

No. 354 £1.40
25th April-8th May 2001
Fortnightly
9 770954 939138 54
GULLANE

Really Useful Reading with...

THOMAS & FRIENDS

Welcome

... to the world of Thomas and his friends. Thomas is ready to take your child on a special journey of learning and discovery.

Stories and activities involving all your child's favourite Thomas characters encourage active reading and participation, stimulate the imagination and teach basic moral and social issues.

All of the elements in this magazine are based on the findings of academic research.

3. Clowning Around
a story to read

8. Look and See!
things to spot in a big picture

10. A New Arrival
a rebus picture story

12. Competition Time!
win a great prize!

14. Story Puzzle
tell the story in the right order

16. Poster
a picture to pull out and keep

18. Causing Chaos!
a rhyming story

22. All about Bulstrode
facts about the barge

24. Crafty Cranky
a bedtime story

28. Sodor Mail
your letters, drawings and photos

30. Dot to Dot!
join the dots to see the picture

ABC Average net circulation per issue, Jan-June 2005: 66,365 (to Newsstand and single copy sales)

THOMAS & FRIENDS is published fortnightly by Egmont Fleetway Ltd. 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF. Tel: 020 7344 6400. Editor: Jennifer Barker. Design: Read Creative. Managing Editor: Steve MacManus. Marketing Manager: Debbie Burgess. Product Manager: Nicole Grice. Marketing Assistant: Stephanie Bertanini. Marketing Director: Douglas Pocock. Managing Director: Rob McMenemy. Advertising: Steven Goldsmith, www.egmont.co.uk/advertising. Production: Sarah Colley. Publicised by arrangement with Egmont Children's Books Limited, London. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons and/or institutions in this publication with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. Reproduction without permission strictly forbidden. Thomas and Friends must not be sold for more than the price shown on the cover. Printed in the UK by Goodhead Print Group, Bicester. Back issues (from 305 only) Dept BIM, 25-31 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF tel: 020 7344 6444 Mon-Thurs only between 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Distributed by Seymour, 86 Newman Street, London W1H 3LD. Tel: 020 7396 8000. Origination by DL Repro. Subscriptions: Tel: 01795 414900. ISSN: 0954 - 8092.

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends

A BRITT ALLCROFT COMPANY PRODUCTION

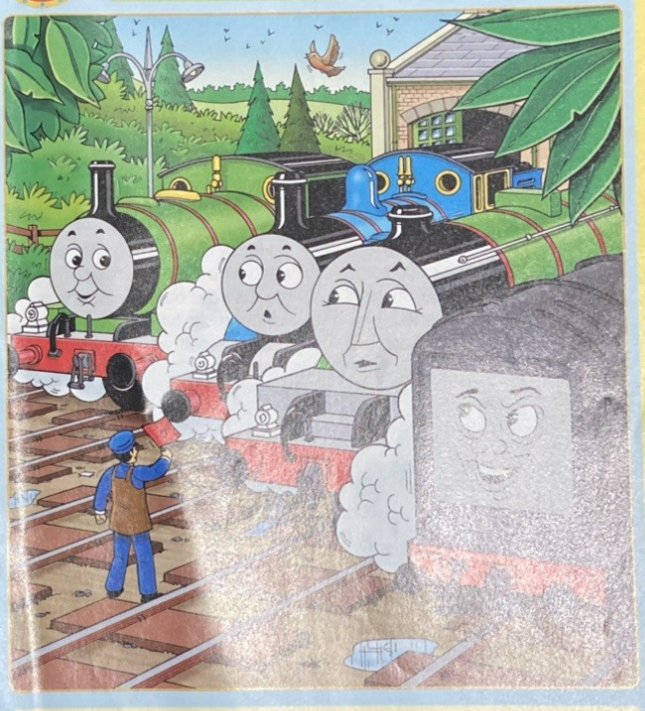
Based on The Railway Series by The Rev W. Awdry

Photographs © Gullane (Thomas) Limited 2007

© Gullane (Thomas) LLC 2007

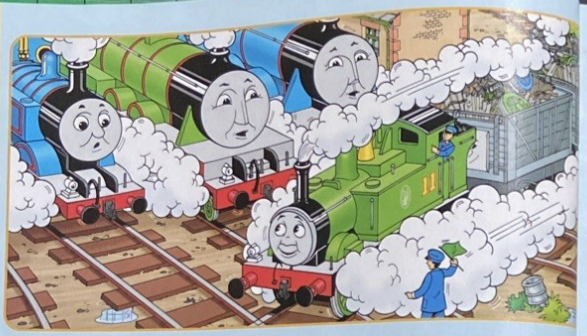
fun to read together

Clowning Around



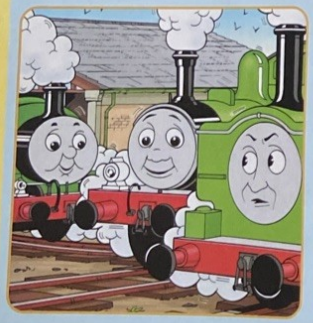
1. Sometimes, Percy liked to tease the other engines. When they couldn't see Oliver in the Main Station yard, Percy called, "Oh, he's been sent for scrap!"

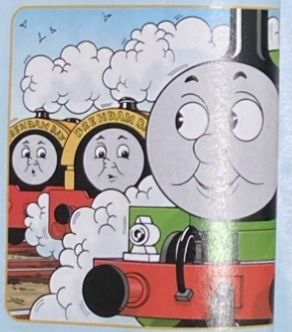
2. Percy tried not to laugh. But the other steam engines looked shocked. "If I had my way, you'd all be scrapped!" sneered Diesel. "You lot are so old-fashioned!"



3. "We must save Oliver," cried Thomas. "We steam engines should stand together," snorted Gordon. "Let's stop work and demand Oliver comes back!"

4. Hardly had Gordon spoken when who should come puffing into the yard but Oliver. He was pulling trucks full of scrap metal. "Oliver's safe!" whistled Henry.



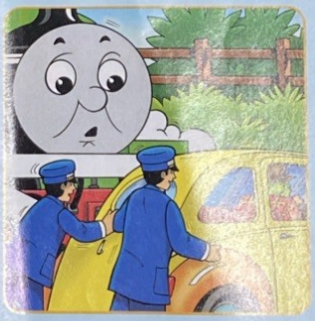


5. "I had to go out extra early to get this load for the scrapyard," said Oliver. "Percy's fooled us!" cried Duck. "That's what he meant by Oliver being sent for scrap!"

6. Next day, playful Percy told B and Ben that BoCo was being filled with coal. "But he doesn't have a firebox to burn coal, lik us. He runs on diesel!" they sa

7. Then the twins saw it was only BoCo's trucks that were being loaded with coal. "I have to take this to the engines on the little railway," he called.

8. "Percy's teased us again!" Bill and Ben cried while Percy hurried off with a goods train. On his way, Percy had to stop and wait at a level crossing.

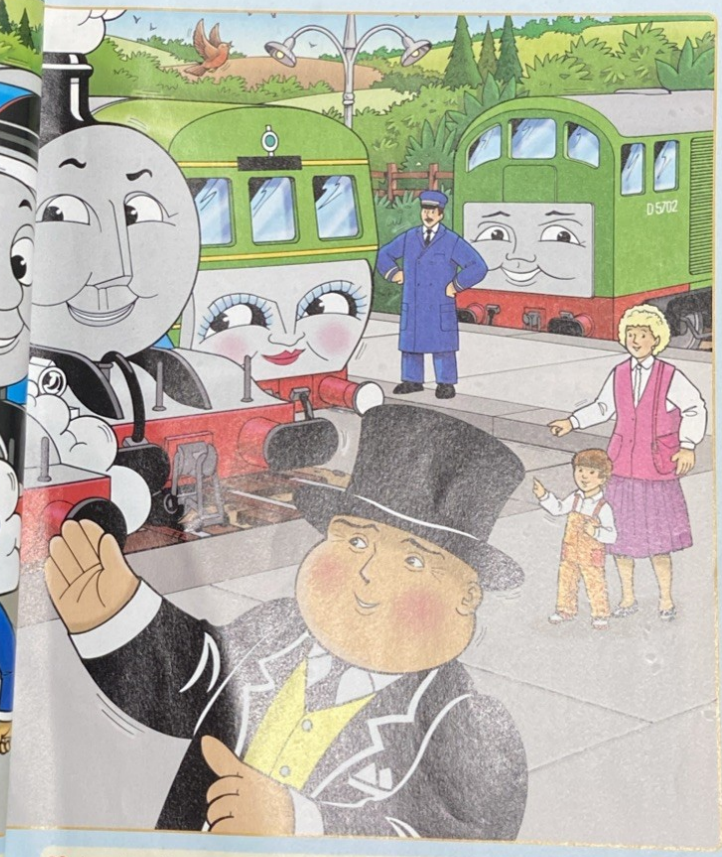


9. A car had broken down on it. Percy stared in surprise at the motorist. His fireman and guard helped push the car clear. They agreed to give the man a lift too.

10. As Percy returned to the Main Station, he shouted excitedly to Thomas and the others, "I've just met a funny man with green hair and giant-sized shoes!"

11. "We don't believe your silly stories!" steamed James. But the engines gasped in amazement when Percy's passenger stepped out of the guard's van.

12. "Hello! I'm a clown, I've been performing at a party," he said. "Thanks to my ride with Percy, I can phone a garage from here to have my car repaired!"



13. In return for Percy's help, the clown put on a show for the engines. He blew sweets out of a big trumpet and squirted water from a flower in his buttonhole.

14. Next, the clown climbed onto Percy and made a string of bright flags pop out of his funnel. "Percy's the one being teased now!" laughed Thomas.

The End

Look and See!

1. How many horses can you count on the carousel?
2. How many children can you count on the bumper cars?
3. Point to the big wheel.
4. How many engines can you count?

Thomas and James have taken some children to Sodor's fairground.

Answers: 1. six 2. five 3. on the right 4. two

rebus story

A New Arrival!

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

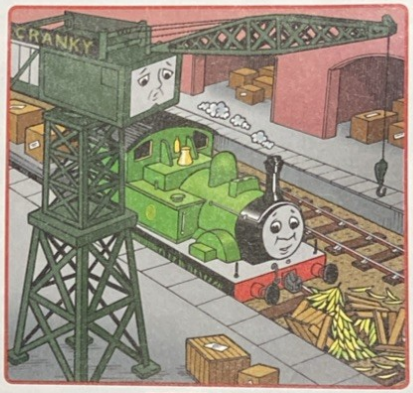
The words made into pictures are...

Cranky hook

Oliver driver steam chimp

bananas frog crates ship

was unloading from a at the dockside. He lifted them with his huge . Meanwhile, was arriving with some trucks to collect them. "The are full of supplies for the wildlife park," said his . "It's not as exciting as delivering animals there!" replied . Then lifted another crate but it suddenly broke free. "Look out!" shouted the crane. slid to a halt as his shut off and pulled on the brake. The crate crashed to the ground just in front of . Lots of fell out. "Oh, they must be for the at the park," said the engine . He went to pick them up. Next moment, a big, colourful hopped out from among the and climbed onto . "Ha-ha-ha! A hopping !" he cried. A ranger from the park soon arrived. He carefully put the in a special box that was loaded aboard . "I'm sorry!" called . "I'm not!" smiled , hissing smoke and while he happily puffed on his way. "I'm taking a new creature to the wildlife park, after all!" steamed away.



The End

Shoot the Hoop!

Heart Character Toys are giving away 5 of these super Basketball training sets! With practise you can become a great shot!

For your chance to win just tell us:

What colour is the ball in the photo?

Write your answer on a postcard along with your name and address and send it to:
Thomas #354 competition, Heart Character Toys, 37A High Street, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, WS9 9LR.

Heart Character Toys stock over 250 Thomas products in their mail order catalogue. For your free copy, call 01543 377182, quoting reference 354 or write to them at the competition address above.

Closing date 15th May 2001

This competition is open to all Thomas readers other than employees of participating companies and their families. We cannot accept responsibility for any entries that are lost in the post. Please obtain permission from a parent or guardian before entering this competition. Entries are limited to one winner per household.

ADVERTISEMENT

Kellogg's
ADVENTURES OF
OKTO

OKTO has got himself into a bit of a tangle at the breakfast table.
Can you help him work out which of his eight tentacles is holding the spoon?

© Kellogg Company 2001

Story puzzle

1

They climb into Annie and Clarabel.

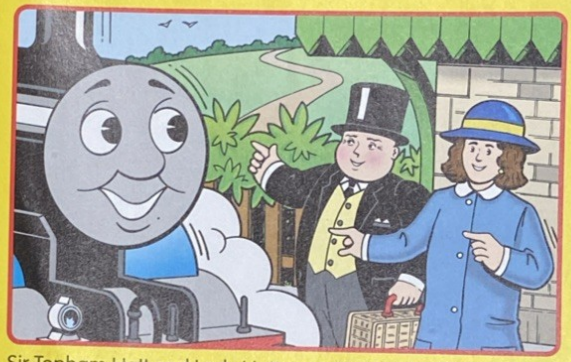
3

Whoosh! His hat flies off!

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

This story is all mixed-up! Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in.

2



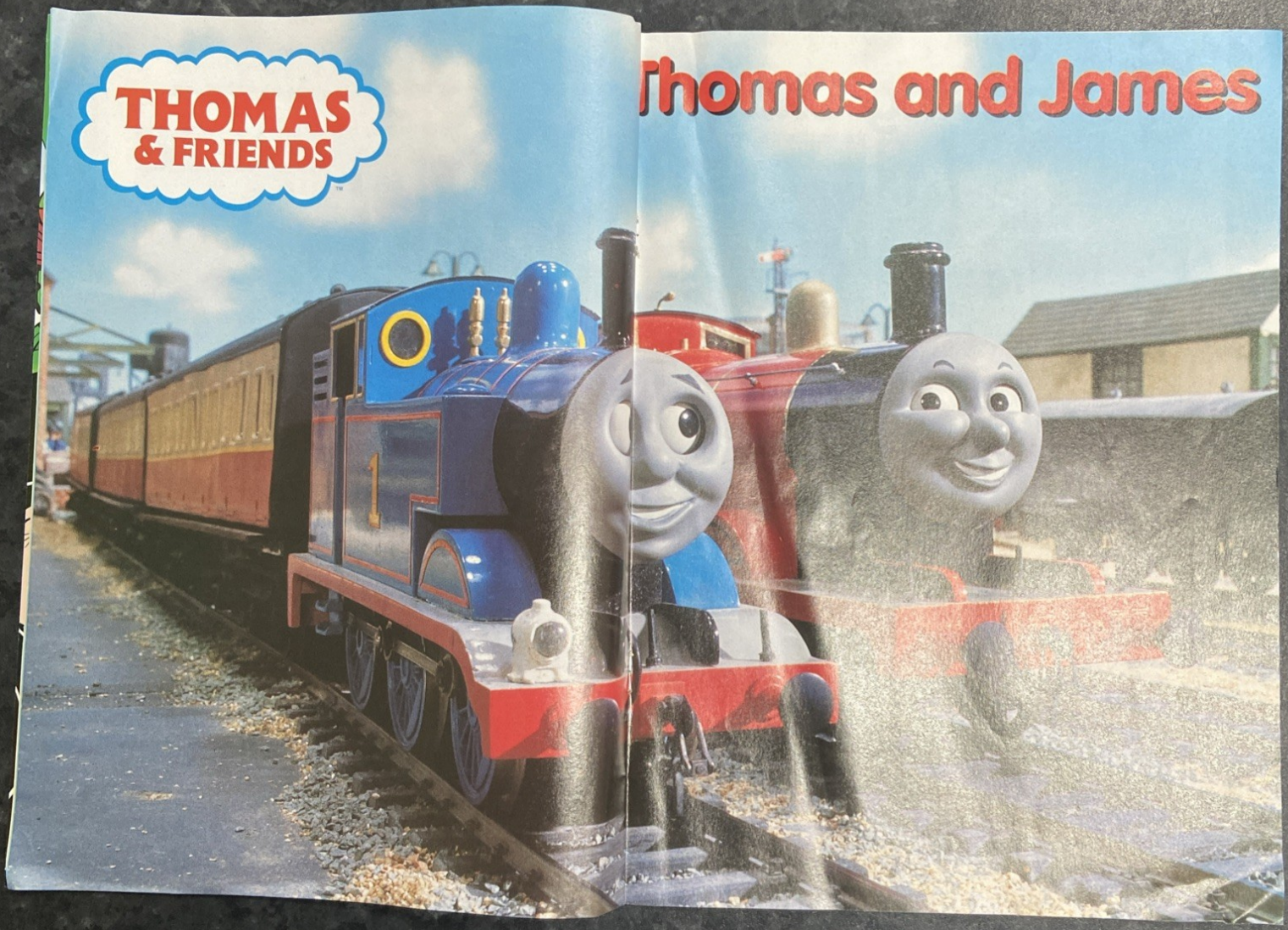
Sir Topham Hatt and Lady Hatt are going out in Thomas for the day.

4

Sir Topham Hatt leans out of the window to wave to some children.

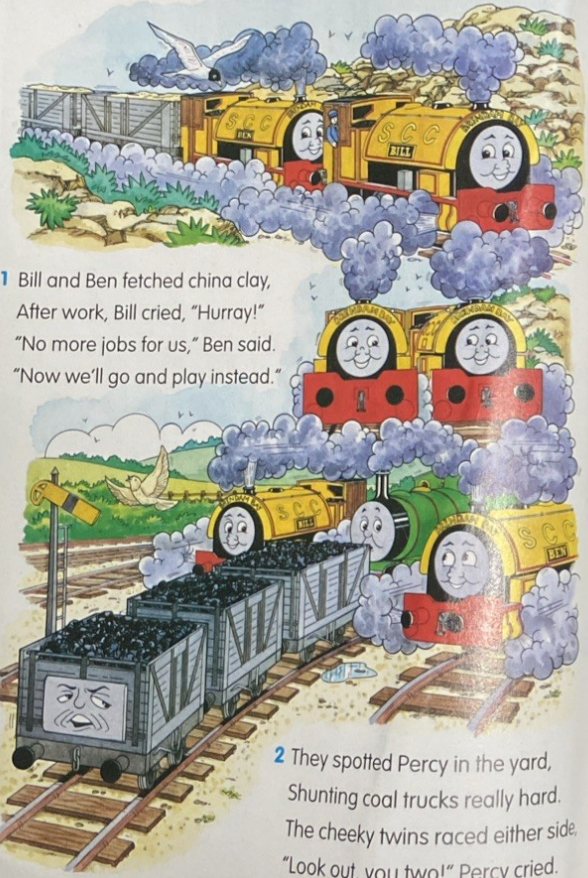
Can you find the hat in each picture?

answer: 2,1,4,3


THOMAS
& FRIENDS
Thomas and James

Thomas' rhyme time

Causing Chaos



1 Bill and Ben fetched china clay,
After work, Bill cried, "Hurray!"
"No more jobs for us," Ben said.
"Now we'll go and play instead."

2 They spotted Percy in the yard,
Shunting coal trucks really hard.
The cheeky twins raced either side,
"Look out, you two!" Percy cried.

3 His startled trucks all bumped around,
Coal spilled out onto the ground.
Suddenly, a truck broke free,
It rolled away, quite helplessly.

4 Engines braked to miss the truck,
For some, it really was bad luck.
Duck hit buffers, Daisy wailed,
"Goodness me! I've been derailed!"

5 The twins were sorry for the trouble,
They stopped playing at the double!
"We'll make amends and work all night,"
Bill told Ben, "It serves us right!"

the end

NEW LOOK ! NEW RANGE ! NEW SERVICE !

kidstime
CHARACTER WAREHOUSE
All your favourite characters under one roof!

THOMAS & FRIENDS

Advertisement

Cassette Recorder £10.00 TH09001
Travel Tidy with Detachable Pencil Case £10.99 TH15003
Pendant Shade £6.75 TH36003
Towel £13.00 TH34001
Carry Case £13.00 TH06094
Bedside Light £14.99 TH36004
Journey Wallborder (can roll) £5.99 TH30004
Journey Wallpaper (can roll) £7.99 TH30005
Branchline Playtrack £20.00 TH06097
Ertl Real Sounds Playset £29.50 TH06116
Millenium Thomas £10.00 TH06098
Facecloth £1.50 TH34002
Waste Bin £8.75 TH10005
Quilt Cover Set TH10009 £22.99
Valance Sheet TH10010 £22.50
Fitted Sheet TH10007 £12.99
Curtains (66"x54") TH10011 £26.99
Curtains (66"x72") TH10012 £29.99
Bean Seat £25.00 TH28002

New Ertl Characters

Cranky the Crane £7.00 TH06110
Thumper £5.25 TH06111
Old Slow Coach £5.00 TH06113
Gordons Special Coach £4.50 TH06114
Bertrum £5.00 TH06115

SHOP & PLAY ONLINE AT KIDSTIME.COM

TOYS • CLOTHES • PART

OPEN 24HRS 7 DAYS A WEEK
0870 085 0073

Post and Packing charges (UK mainland) £5.99 Standard £6.00 for next day delivery. UK Islands & overseas please call

Character Warehouse Ltd • Broadgauge Business Park • Bishops Lydeard

Designs and Colours may vary • Goods subject to availability • We reserve the right to

without prior notice • Errors and Omissions excepted

Phone now for a FREE catalogue
Gift Vouchers available

www.kidstime.com

All about... Bulstrode

Bulstrode is an old, bad mannered, motorised sea-going barge. He is only happy when he's chugging around with a full load. He can be grumpy and rude. Percy and some trucks taught him a lesson and now Bulstrode is a special attraction on Sodor beach.

Win a model of Bulstrode!

10 lucky readers can win a splendid model of Bulstrode from the Racing Champions engine range.

Just tell us:
Who taught Bulstrode a lesson?

Write your answer on a postcard along with your name and address and send it to:
Thomas/354 model competition,
Egmont Fleetway
Ltd., PO BOX
29087, London,
WC1X 9XE.

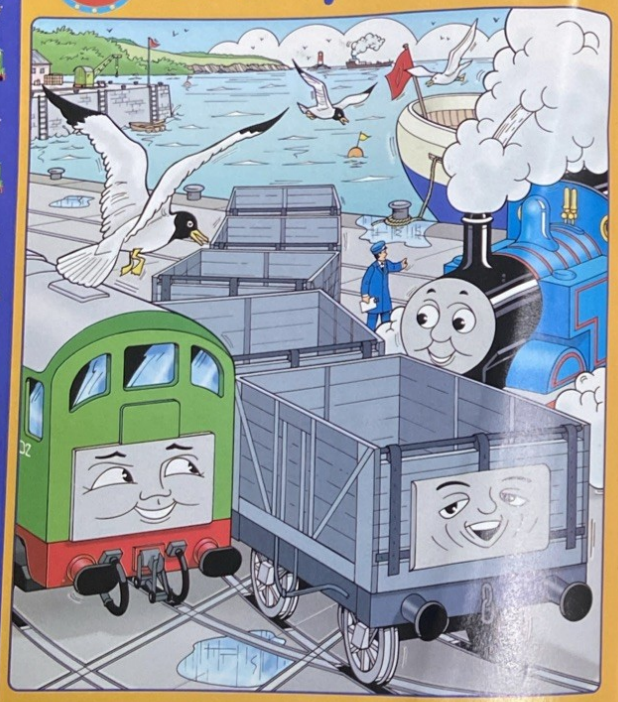
Closing date:
15th May 2001

ERTL

This competition is open to all Thomas readers other than employees of participating companies and their families. We cannot accept responsibility for any entries or prizes that are lost in the post. Please obtain permission from a parent or guardian before entering this competition. Entries are limited to one winner per household.

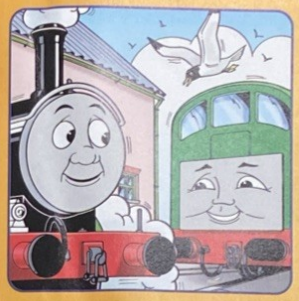
percy's bedtime story

Crafty Cranky!

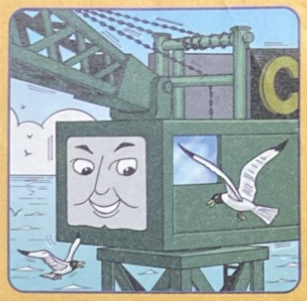


1. "Eight, nine, ten! Coming to find you!" called BoCo and he started to search the harbour yard. He was playing hide-and-seek with Thomas and Oliver.

2. As BoCo rolled quietly around, he spotted smoke rising up from behind some empty trucks. BoCo crept closer and saw it was blowing out of Thomas' funnel.



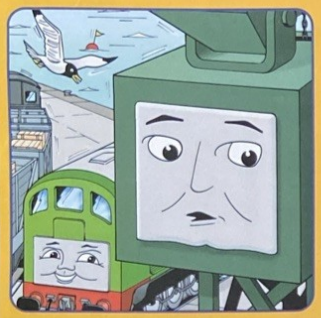
3. "I've caught you!" cried BoCo. Next moment, he heard a faint squeal of brakes. BoCo rushed over to catch Oliver too. He was taking cover behind a big shed.



4. Cranky the Crane had been watching. He thought all engines were very annoying. "You should be working, like me!" said Cranky as he lifted up another crate.

5. "All right! Just keep your hook on!" teased Oliver. "We're only waiting for you to finish loading Diesel's trucks. Then we can bring you ours to be filled!"

6. Cranky had been really busy emptying freight from one cargo ship after another. "Gah! Who wants to play stupid games like hide-and-seek?" snorted Diesel.

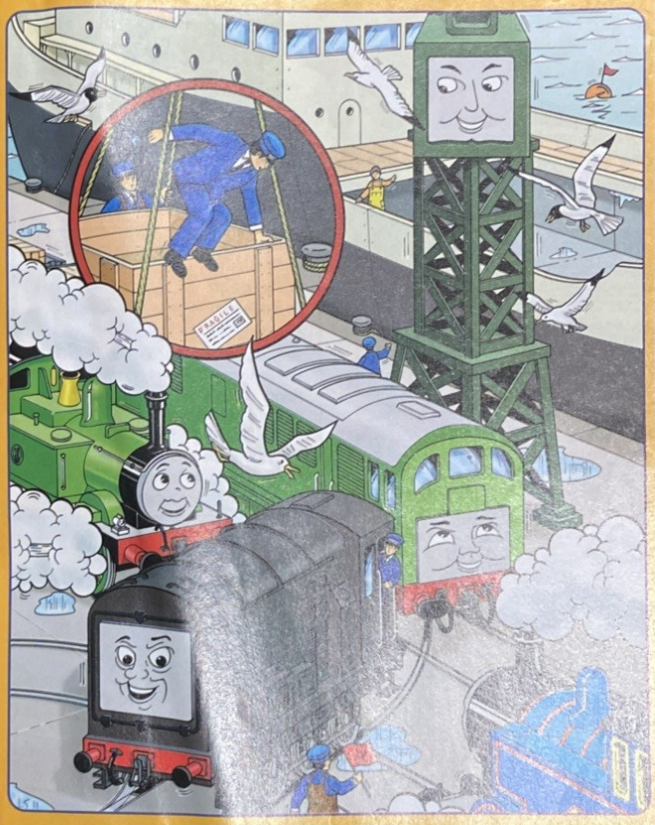


7. "H'm! It does look like good fun!" said Cranky as Diesel left the Big Harbour. "You can't play hide-and-seek, Cranky," laughed BoCo. "You're too tall to hide!"

8. Cranky soon started to fill BoCo's trucks with crates from the next ship to dock. Meanwhile, BoCo's driver walked up the long gangplank on to the ship.

9. "I'll have a cup of tea with the captain, while I wait for you," he told BoCo. Thomas and Oliver went on playing. Shortly, Cranky had loaded all of BoCo's trucks.

10. "Next!" shouted Cranky. "I can't go without my driver," said BoCo. "Where has he got to?" The driver had been watching Cranky lift crates out of the ship's hold.



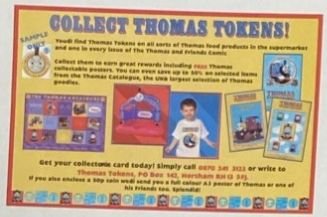
11. Cranky carefully lifted one more crate onto the dockside. The engines stared in amazement when BoCo's driver stepped out of it. "Thanks for the lift!" he called.

12. "That was much easier than coming down the gangplank!" grinned the driver. "See? I found him, Boco!" laughed Cranky. "Who says I can't play hide-and-seek too!"

The End

Sodor mail

Please send your letters, pictures and drawings to Sodor Mail, Egmont Fleetway, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF


COLLECT THOMAS TOKENS!
SAMPLE
Youll find Thomas Tokens on all sorts of Thomas food products in the supermarket and one in every issue of the Thomas and Friends Comic
Collect them to earn great rewards including FREE Thomas collectable posters. You can even save up to 50% on selected items from the Thomas Catalogue, the UKs largest selection of Thomas goodies.
Get your collectors card today! Simply call 0870 241 2222 or write to Thomas Tokens, PO Box 142, Horsham RH13 5FJ.
If you also enclose a 50p coin we'll send you a full colour A3 poster of Thomas or one of his friends too. Splendid!

Thomas Token

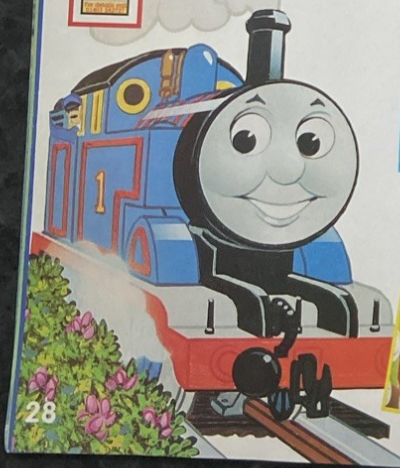
Ask an adult to cut out the token for you!

Star Poem

Joseph Damms, aged 3, wrote this poem!

Thomas puffs along the way,
Whistling merrily, lovely day,
Henry and Gordon whistle 'hello,'
Onward, onward, they will go.
Percy's shunting naughty trucks,
James is in the naughty books,
The Fat Controller scratches his head,
Just look at Edward asleep in the shed!

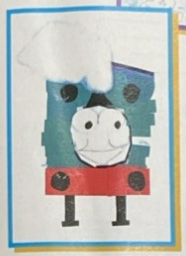
If we print your Star Letter or Poem, you will receive an Engine Driver from TOMY as a prize!



James Walters and Steven Wild.

Michael Knots, aged 4.

Thomas goes past the windmill, by Spike George, aged 3.



Adrian Jackson, aged 6, made this splendid collage of Thomas.

Poop! Poop! It's Gordon! by Ronan Horgan, aged 6.

Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a Thomas Starter Set from Racing Champions!

LEGO

Happy birthday!

To
James Harrison, aged 3.
Jordan Wotherspoon, aged 3.
Michael Curtis, aged 6.
Samuel Westwood, aged 3.
Adam Boarer, aged 5.
Rory Whybrow, aged 4.
Liam Keogh, aged 4.
Richard Lunn, aged 4.
Colin Munro, aged 3.
Matthew Barks, aged 3.
Abigail Park, aged 2.
Jack Pearce, aged 3.
Thomas Hardy, aged 6.
Jamie Suttie, aged 2.
Jamie Feaver, aged 4.
Huw Tingley, aged 4.
Zachariah Parkinson, aged 3.
Morgan Craig, aged 3.
Connor Winfield, aged 4.
Liam Schuler, aged 4.
William Eardley, aged 9.

Remember to send in your details 4 months before your birthday to be sure it will be printed on time.

Charlie Pocock, aged 3.

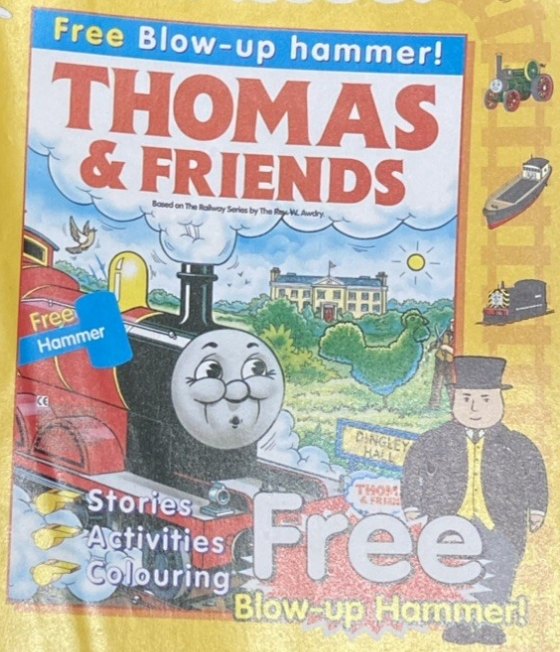
Alexander and Robert Picheta.

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture.

Now use your crayons to colour in the picture!

Next issue!



Stories to Read • Rhymes and Songs
Puzzles and Activities • Prizes to win
Plus a Thomas token to collect!

Issue 355 on sale from 9th May 2001!

ADVERTISEMENT

JOIN THE CLUB!

WIZ THE TIME WIZARD IS LOST IN SPACE! CAN YOU HELP HIM FIND HIS WAY TO THE BERNARD MATTHEWS KID'S CLUB?

ASTEROIDS!

BLACK HOLE

JOIN THE BM CLUB

JOIN OUR CLUB TODAY AND YOU WILL GET SUR FANTASTIC GOODIES + 3 MORE FUN-PACKS IN THE YEAR!

Notes Diary Homework

TERMS & CONDITIONS: (1) This club is open to all residents of the UK and Eire. (2) To join: Please send the following: A cheque/postal order for £4.95, (£4.21 +74p VAT), payable to Bernard Matthews PLC. This covers a full years membership. (b) Details of the following: full name, address, telephone number, e-mail address (if applicable), age, birth date and signature of guardian. Send to the Bernard Matthews address as shown on the pack, headed "Kids Club". (3) Each child will receive four different club packs each year. (4) Yearly membership will start from the date that membership details, cheque/postal order and signature of guardian are received. A non refundable Membership Fee of £4.95 is valid for one year only. If the child wishes to stay a member for the following year, a special offer membership fee of £3.95 is to be forwarded along with the membership number. Bernard Matthews will then continue to send quarterly packs for another year. (5) Each member will receive a free organiser and certificate of membership. Please allow 28 days for delivery. (6) Bernard Matthews reserves the right to issue mailing and promotional information, unless otherwise informed.

BERNARD MATTHEWS